



KY Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601 [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov)

## News Flash: Huge Herds of Wild Creatures Invade Salato!



*Jarret the Executioner, Veterinarian Kathryn, Rebecca the black cat, 3rd Place Vampire Christian, 2nd Place Billy as Freddie Kruger and 1st Place Sam the Pirate – all in the 5 years and up category from Frankfort – were dressed to kill and charm.*

This year's Halloween Walk with the Animals was so successful it was downright frightening! In fact, we doubled our expected attendance in just one night. Thanks to the hard work of staff and our many devoted volunteers, we managed to accommodate well over 2,000 visitors! To see photos of the winners of this year's costume contests, go to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) and click on Salato. Special thanks go out to all of our wonderful volunteers, and to this year's sponsors, who donated both money and time to make this our most successful Halloween event ever!

**Thanks to:** Crossroads Ford, Doc Moore Insurance Co., For Pets Only, Frankfort Communications, The Insurance Store (Chenault and Hoge), Kentucky Network of Outdoors Women, Roy Peach Lumber and Supply, Sonic, Terri's Catering, Toyota Motor Manufacturing Company, and Wal-Mart.



**SALATO WILL  
BE CLOSED**

**Dec. 23 - 27  
and  
Dec. 31 - Jan. 3**

**for the  
Christmas and  
New Year's Day  
holidays.**



**WINTER HOURS  
(Oct. 1 to Apr. 30)**

**Tuesday-Friday:**  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Saturday:**  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Sunday:**  
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The Center is closed  
on Mondays.

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## Tree Identification Hike

**Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5. Limit: 15. Participants: Adults**

Most tree identification books fall short when it comes to identifying shrubs, but you won't be left out on a limb after this walk. Let Mary Carol Cooper show you how to identify some of your woody neighbors using leaves, bark and other characteristics. She'll also go a step further to help you understand their role in their preferred habitats. If you're thinking of including native "woodies" in your landscape, this is a good opportunity to get some ideas about what grows best under different types of conditions. The secret to having the best looking plants in your landscape is putting them in the right location! **Registration is required.**

# January to March 2005

## Check out our Calendar of Events ONLINE at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

Just click on "Upcoming Events" to search for happenings at Salato, or across the state! Even better, you'll receive 10% off the price of Salato programs and events when you present your valid Kentucky hunting or fishing license, or boater registration!

### EAGLE WEEKENDS 2005!

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, in cooperation with Kentucky State Parks, is pleased to again offer nature lovers the opportunity to view and learn more about majestic Bald Eagles in their natural habitat. Affordable guided tours led by experienced field leaders will be offered on selected weekends in January and February of 2005. For reservations call the park of your choice:

**Jan. 14 – 15 & Jan. 21 – 22:**

Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park  
(270) 433-7431

**Jan. 21 – 23:**

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park  
(270) 362-4271

**Jan. 28 – 30:**

Lake Barkley State Resort Park  
(270) 924-1131

**Feb. 4 – 6:**

Kenlake State Park State Resort Park  
(270) 474-2211

**Salato will be closed  
Monday, January 17  
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

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### Fishy Fun

**Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5. Limit: 15. Participants: Ages 12 and under**

The Game Farm lakes are stocked with trout during the winter months to give the die-hard outdoor lovers another reason to get out of the house. But if you want to take a kid fishing where there's a very good chance you'll catch a lot of fish, join Salato staff members Rob Anderson and Mark Watkins for some fishy fun. Catching trout at the Game Farm is easy! We'll also provide a light lunch (hot dogs, potato chips, and punch) for the kids. In the event of bad weather, this event will be moved to Saturday, January 29. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

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### Archery for Beginners

**Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5. Limit: 25.**

**Participants: Anyone who can hold a bow.**

**An adult must accompany minors.**

Join hobbyist Alisa Veverka and learn how to shoot a Genesis compound bow. These bows are designed so that they can be drawn even by children. It's easy, so come out and try your hand at hitting one of our 3-D archery targets. We'll provide the bows, targets, and all equipment necessary to get you started. Whether you're young or just young at heart, swing by the center and give archery a try! **Registration is required. May be cancelled due to weather.**

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### Signs of Winter Wildlife

**Saturday, noon – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5. Limit: 10. Participants: All ages welcome**

Winter is often the best time to watch wildlife. Despite the cold, animals still must search out food and water to survive. Some, like the striped skunk, are even out searching for mates! Join biologist Laurie Davison in search of tracks, rubs, dens, chews, scat, and pellets... as well as any animal life we can spot! Hikers should dress for the weather and bring along water to drink. Don't forget your camera! We'll be hiking the new Pea Ridge Loop Trail, which is rated "moderately strenuous". **Registration and pre-payment required.**



**Check out the "All Wild about Kentucky's Environment" (AWAKE) website!**

AWAKE is a new website for all Kentuckians! It is a site with many different kinds of information for all audiences: students, teachers, hunters, anglers, and all who love and want to know more about Kentucky's environment. Visit [www.kentuckyawake.org](http://www.kentuckyawake.org) to check it out!

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## THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

**Saturday, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$7. Limit: None. Participants: Ages 12 to adult. A great activity for older scouts and future biologists!**

Sign up today to be part of this year's annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Every year, amateur bird watchers around the nation and beyond gather to identify and count songbirds to help the ornithology lab at Cornell University get a census of songbird distributions. Join Mary Carol Cooper and learn to identify bird neighbors in your backyard then record your observations around the Salato Center (from the heated comfort of the building if you wish). The results of our count will then be added to the nationwide count on the Internet. You'll also build a bird feeder to take home and keep! For more information about this event, see the website at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc/](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/) **Registration and pre-payment required.**



**Are you  
interested in  
volunteer or  
internship  
opportunities?**

If so, we could use you! We are particularly looking for cheerful, dependable volunteers interested in being greeters and gift shop operators. Call (502) 564-7863 and ask for Mark Watkins. For more information, go to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) and click on Salato.

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## Cleaning and Preparing Fish

**Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Cost: \$10. Limit: None. Participants: All ages welcome**

So, you have caught a mess of fish, now what do you do with them? Come to Salato and let the experts show you how to clean scaled and nonscaled fish. Billy Mitchell, from our Fisheries Division will demonstrate with striper and catfish on how to take your catch from stringer to frying pan or freezer. Each participant will receive an informational packet including a Kentucky Fish ID Booklet and Kentucky's Boating & Fishing Access Sites. **Registration and prepayment required.**

## Hunting And Fishing Licenses Expire February 28! Time To Renew...

Hunters, boaters and anglers have always been at the forefront of conservation efforts in Kentucky. In fact, the proceeds from the sale of collector waterfowl stamps alone have bought hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands in Kentucky for permanent protection and conservation! So even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in conserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is to purchase a hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is pleased to offer its diverse services statewide and to all Kentuckians without burdening taxpayers or tapping into the state's general fund dollars.

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## A Native Presence: Exploring Contemporary Native American Cultures

**Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$40. Limit: 15. Participants: Educators for grades 4-8.**

Although good information about Kentucky's American Indian peoples is abundant and readily available, many textbooks, books, movies, TV programs and other sources continue to perpetuate myths and misconceptions. This seminar for educators will utilize a guide that was developed to be used along with *A Native Presence*, a video produced in 1995 by KET. The guide was prepared under the auspices of the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission to help educators in grades 4-8 teach against American Indian stereotypes and extend their students' learning about American Indian cultures today. **Registration and prepayment is required. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28.**

**Programs  
with fewer  
than 5  
people  
registered  
are  
subject to  
cancellation.**



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**The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Game Farm in Frankfort, on US 60 2 miles west of US 127.**

**SUPPORT THE SALATO WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER**  
**Donate to the**  
**KENTUCKY FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION**

Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center and Kentucky's wildlife resources - donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your assistance will help to assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center. We can't do it without you! The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

**Donations** in excess of \$5, and all contributions, are deemed to have been made to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization and are tax deductible.

**Corporate donations**

Major contributors may donate at the Bronze (\$10,000 to \$49,999), Silver (\$50,000 to \$99,999), or Gold (\$100,000 or more) level. For more information, contact us by calling 859-231-8780.

Thank you for supporting Kentucky youth!

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